

Unusually Interesting Paper.

We give an interesting and varied lot of reading matter this week. The official correspondence in reference to the resistance to the whiskey constables in Greenville is presented.

Valuable statistics about the public schools are furnished in reference to every County in the State.

The recent Georgia election receives attention. The article on the low price of cotton, and the discussion of the prospects of other crops offers facts and figures for your consideration. "The Destructive Storm" in the North makes the horrors easy as far as storms in the South are concerned.

Interesting news from Florence is given. State statistics invite your attention.

Irby's outrageous address to respectable people and about other respectable people, will disgust the better bred and more decent citizens of Abbeville County.

It is probable that no other such undignified, unjust and malignant document was ever before issued by any man holding the high office which Mr. Irby now holds.

The Governor disposes of the rascally militia officers who refused to obey his orders in going to Darlington. General Schofield recommends an increase of the American army, and gives his reasons therefor.

Dr. Sampson Pope, the Independent Tillmanite candidate for Governor, talks some more. Some light is thrown on some of New York's dark and dangerous ways.

The storm in Florida did great damage. But the advertisements will interest our people more than anything else.

The State and Federal Elections are advertised and Managers are appointed.

The various big advertisements will tell you where to buy your goods to the best advantage.

And a thousand little advertisements, filling little nooks and corners are of special interest to you. If you don't see the advertisement which was intended for your eye, look for it. It is in the paper.

The Dispensary Law.

The opponents of the dispensary law have given notice that they will appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. This is well. Let the law be settled finally and forever.

But there is scarcely the shadow of a chance to the law declared unconstitutional.

The fact is, the liquor element must fall into line and obey the law. They can't override it, or defy it, by force. To carry on an illicit or surreptitious business is degrading, even if it were possible to elude the watchful eye of the whiskey constables.

Will Enforce the Law.

We see by the newspapers that the Governor will hereafter prosecute vigorously all violators of the dispensary law. The Press and Banner is glad to see this and we are glad to know that the liquor dealers, like other people, will be made to obey the law.

No man has pointed out any need of a constitutional convention. Does anybody want it, except the towns politician who may be obeying public or secret orders sent to him from headquarters? The constitutional convention means no good, but possibly much harm, to the people.

One reason which should make our people vote against the constitutional convention is the public debt. Under the present constitution the debt of the State cannot be increased except by a direct vote of the people. The new constitution authorizes the issue of other bonds.

Except a few, nobody wants the Convention, but the towns politician. As a rule, the towns politician is all right, but your manhood and self-respect would prompt you to resist the proposition to vote away your birthright.

If the politicians were not afraid the people would not endorse their work, or if they did not need to do something contrary to their wishes they would submit the constitution to a vote of the people.

With five cents cotton, the people are hardly prepared to go into a convention which will cost \$100,000.

Bail Granted.
On Monday afternoon application was made before Judge R. C. Watts, at Abbeville, for bail for Henry Harrison, colored, Oconee County, who is in jail at Walhalla, charged with the murder of William T. Owens, a white man, at Seneca, Oconee County, on the night of October 8th. As the unfortunate homicide seemed to have been brought about largely by Owens who was pursuing and striking at the negro, Judge Watts granted bail in the sum of \$1,000. R. F. Raynes, of the Walhalla Bar, represented the defendant and Solicitor M. F. Ansel appeared for the State.

Oyster Supper.
The ladies of the Methodist church will have an oyster supper at the Band Hall next Friday evening. Refreshments will be served in abundance. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Methodist church and a cordial welcome is extended to all.

At Business Again.
Our enterprising town's man M. T. Coleman has just recovered from a short spell of sickness and is again at his establishment the Racket Store on the corner of Main and Trinity streets. Mr. Coleman has won the esteem of the surrounding country for his pluck in pushing so successfully an enterprise. Numerous others have failed, but he is a man of sterling worth, and an honor to our town.

New County Map.
Mr. W. P. Bullock has finished the new county map, and delivered the same. He is now on his way to New York to go to the United States surveys.

Hon. George Prince, of Anderson, paid a pleasant visit to the Press and Banner office yesterday. He is an Abbeville man, who, in his adopted home, reflects honor on the county of his nativity. He is one of the best lawyers in Anderson.

Mr. M. N. Patterson, contractor of this place, will complete some handsome improvements on Geo. R. Hemphill's residence in Fort Pickett this week after which time he will go to Lethe with a large force of hands where he has contract for building three houses.

Mr. M. N. Patterson has the contract for building Patterson's Bridge over Long Cane creek near Troy. Mr. Patterson has the reputation of being the best bridge builder in the county.

Bruce's Locals.
Bruce has a full force of workmen and can do your shoe work on the shortest notice.

Bruce is making the best boots and shoes in the county.

Bruce's shoe shop is the place to have your work done up in first-class style.

If you want to buy or rent a house see B. K. Beacham.

Don't let a little upstart town politician induce you to vote away your birthright.

Flannels and jeans at bargain prices. Abbeville Supply Co.

Shoes and hats. Abbeville Supply Co. Couteau. Abbeville Supply Co.

Prime seed wheat for sale by W. Joel Smith & Sons, call on them and get what you want.

"Evaporated California peaches" are cheap. They make an elegant dish and are fine. Ask for them at W. Joel Smith & Sons.

THE COURT OF SESSIONS.

Brief Notes of the Work of the General Sessions.

To the kindness of Assistant Clerk Joe E. Jones we are indebted for the following notes of the Court:

FIRST WEEK.

Court convened at 10 o'clock, October 8th, 1894, Hon. Judge R. C. Watts presiding. The commission of R. C. Watts was read. The Grand Jury was called and the following answered to their names:

H. D. Reese, W. N. Hall, W. P. McCarter, W. U. Wardlaw, J. W. Boyd, R. H. Devlin, J. L. McLeod, H. H. Clinkscales, Frank Kerr, T. P. Purdy, E. B. Bowie, W. H. Kay, H. Cochran, A. W. Young, H. M. Bouchillon, S. J. Hester.

The petit jurors were called and the following answered to their names:

G. W. Mattison, Asa Hall, P. B. Brooks, J. E. Pettigrew, F. P. Milford, J. H. Clinkscales, A. H. McCord, G. L. Alewine, J. H. Childs, Jr., A. B. C. Lindsey, W. A. Callahan, W. W. L. Keller, J. P. Smith, Sam Carlisle, John Kerr, DeWitt Hall, W. D. Hinton, J. H. Stockman, J. C. Martin, T. H. Burt, W. H. Kennedy, E. L. T. O'Dell, R. O. Branyon, E. A. Youngblood, J. A. Baunister, F. P. Runn, D. A. Alewine, J. S. Jay, M. B. Lipscomb, C. B. Clark.

The following petit jurors were excused: P. B. Brooks, J. N. Sawright, J. H. Clinkscales, Henry Ware, throwing rocks at passenger train. Continued. Attorneys: Graydon & Graydon.

The State against L. A. Shannon, disposing of property under lien. This case went before the following jury:

J. H. Childs, Foreman, A. H. McCord, E. L. T. O'Dell, W. H. Kennedy, R. O. Branyon, H. L. Raso, H. H. Clinkscales, J. H. Stockman, J. H. Burt, J. H. Stockman.

State Witnesses—T. J. Mitchell, Coleman Hodges, W. W. W. Bullock, S. J. Merriman, D. H. Magill.

Defense—L. A. Shannon, G. B. Riley, Attorneys for defense—J. Parker & McGowan, Attorney for State, Solicitor Ansel.

Report of Grand Jury.

The State against Wess Callahan, Sam Callahan, Callahan, disposing of property under lien. True bill.

The State against Elizabeth Smith, assault and battery of a high aggravated nature. True bill.

The State against J. Wm. Harris alias Anderson Grant, grand larceny. True bill.

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This case was called and the following jury empaneled to try it:

J. C. Martin, Foreman, J. B. Smith, W. A. Callahan, G. L. Alewine, John Kerr, A. B. C. Lindsey, G. W. Mattison, T. P. Ruse, Sam Carlisle, F. A. Carville, Asa Hall, DeWitt Hall.

Witnesses for State—D. C. Calvert, H. T. Wardlaw, A. F. Calvert, T. J. Robinson.

After charge of the Court the jury retired to the jury room and on their return rendered the following verdict: Guilty. Sentenced to three years in the State penitentiary.

Report of Grand Jury.

The State against John Crosby, murder. True bill.

The State against Walker Derrick, murder. True bill.

The State against Allen Childs, murder. True bill.

The State against Thos. Lomax, J. B. Smith, Wm. Stuart and John Smith, assault and battery with intent to kill.

The State against John Crosby, murder. The defendant having no attorney the Court appointed Walter L. Miller. The prisoner was arraigned.

The State against Walker Derrick, murder. The defendant was arraigned and plead not guilty. Having no attorney the Court appointed D. H. Magill.

The State against Allen Childs, murder. The defendant was arraigned by the Clerk, and plead not guilty. Attorneys Graydon & Graydon.

The State against George Harris, murder. Arraigned. Attorneys Graydon & Graydon.

The State against Wm. Dillshaw, murder. True bill.

The State against John Dillshaw. No bill. Attorney F. B. Gary.

The State against Amos Hart, burglary and compound larceny. True bill.

The State against Mack Nance, burglary and grand larceny. True bill.

The State against Mack Nance, grand larceny. Continued. Attorney F. B. Gary.

The State against Wm. Jones and John Cason, burglary and grand larceny. Continued. Attorneys F. B. Gary for Wm. Jones, Graydon & Graydon for John Cason, Jr.

The State against J. B. Smith in his family Graydon & Graydon, and left for home on the five o'clock train, Monday evening.

SECOND WEEK.
Court convened at 10 o'clock, a. m., Hon. R. C. Watts presiding Judge.

The following Grand Jurors answered to their names:

H. D. Reese, W. N. Hall, W. P. McCarter, W. U. Wardlaw, R. H. Devlin, H. H. Clinkscales, Frank Kerr, T. P. Purdy, E. B. Bowie, W. H. Kay, H. Cochran, A. W. Young, T. Hester.

The following petit jurors answered to their names:

A. L. Arnold, B. A. Boyd, J. E. Pettigrew, J. H. Barksdale, E. R. Horton, J. W. Cobb, D. R. Joyce, N. B. Caldwell, E. H. Clinkscales, R. W. Knox, J. C. Martin, J. S. Porter, G. L. Alewine, W. H. Kennedy, J. S. Bowen, E. B. Fickett, J. C. Mannday, A. B. Morse, J. E. Leveque, J. H. Clapp, G. A. Ferguson, J. R. Ellis, E. R. Horton, T. P. Frick.

The State against George Harris, murder. This case was called and the following jury empaneled to try it:

G. W. Brown, Foreman, A. B. Morse, J. C. Martin, J. H. Clapp, Preston Finley, J. H. Barksdale, F. M. Stone, J. L. L. Keller, D. R. Joyce, E. R. Horton, W. H. Kennedy, J. S. Bowen, E. B. Fickett, J. C. Mannday, A. B. Morse, J. E. Leveque, J. H. Clapp, G. A. Ferguson, J. R. Ellis, E. R. Horton, T. P. Frick.

Witnesses for defense—Geo. Harris, F. W. R. Nance.

After argument a verdict was rendered not guilty. Attorneys for defendant Graydon & Graydon. M. F. Ansel for State.

The State against Mack Nance, burglary and grand larceny. Arraigned. Plead not guilty.

The State against Amos Heard, burglary and compound larceny. Arraigned. Plead not guilty.

The State against Alexander Pelot, assault with intent to kill. True bill.

The State against John Tatum, housebreaking and grand larceny. True bill.

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Witnesses for Defense—Mack Monroe, Tom Dickerson, Jack Barnes, Lewis Mackey.

The State against Alexander Pelot, assault with intent to kill and aggravated nature. Sentence to pay \$5, or go to penitentiary for three months.

The State against John Tatum, housebreaking and grand larceny. Plead not guilty.

The State against Amos Hearst. Jury: W. B. Anderson, G. A. Ferguson, Turner, H. H. Clinkscales, S. B. Marshall, J. H. Clapp, F. M. Stone, J. H. Hinton, C. Graham, Preston Finley, S. C. Nickles. State witnesses—J. W. Duckett, J. O. Duckett, J. B. Riley, F. Auld, F. E. Hearst. Witnesses for defense—Amos Hearst. No attorney. Guilty, recommended to mercy.

The State against John Williams, housebreaking and grand larceny. Plead not guilty. Jury: J. W. Bowen, Foreman, N. B. Caldwell, Bowman, R. W. Knox, S. T. Eaken, J. M. Leith, A. S. Kennedy, A. E. Morse, J. W. Cobb, J. E. Leveque, T. A. Cobb, A. L. Arnold.

State witnesses—W. L. Casey, J. T. Whotley, J. M. Melton, J. E. Hearst. Defense—John Williams. Guilty—Sentenced to three years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

October 15th, 1894. The State against Mack Nance, housebreaking and larceny. This case was resumed.

Witness for defense—Lewis Mackey, recalled, Laura Robertson, Albert Nance, John Nance, Ben Ray, B. C. Graham. Defendants' Attorneys: Messrs. Graydon & Graydon & Gile. Verdict—Guilty on second count. Defendants' Attorneys gave notice that they would appeal for a new trial.

Report of Grand Jury. The State against John Cohen, grand larceny. True bill.

The State against John Tatum, housebreaking and compound larceny. True bill.

The State against John Lee Williams, alias John Williams, breaking into rail road car with intent to commit larceny. True bill.

The State against John Corley, murder. This case went before the following jury:

A. B. Caldwell, Foreman, T. R. Lowell, E. H. Beck, S. T. Eaken, J. C. Mundy, W. B. Anderson, J. R. Hinton, D. R. Joyce, A. S. Kennedy, T. C. Turner, J. S. Bowen, J. M. Leith.

State Witnesses—Dr. P. B. Black, Robt. Jackson, Hattie Jackson, Henry Coleman, Gideon Giles, J. R. Kennedy.

Defense—John Corley, J. R. Tarrant, T. W. Marr.

Attorney, W. L. Miller. Verdict—guilty of manslaughter. Sentence to 5 years in the penitentiary.

The Grand Jury made their final presentment and were discharged from further attendance upon this term of court.

The State against Albert Childs, murder. This case was tried by the following jury:

A. A. Boyd, Foreman, J. H. Clapp, S. C. Nickles, Preston Finley, A. L. Arnold, G. W. Brown, J. L. Porter, S. B. Marshall, R. W. Knox, W. W. Cobb, J. M. Stone, W. B. Anderson.

State Witness—Eliza Dowlin. Court adjourned Tuesday evening.

WEST END.

Happenings and Incidents of a Week Around the City.

W. P. Calhoun, Esq., of Atlanta, was over on business two days last week. Mr. Calhoun says that he has been in the city for a long time and that he has seen a great deal of the city.

Mr. W. L. McDonald was in the city last week. Mr. McDonald is improving at this writing. The many friends of "Old" wish him speedy recovery.

What has become of the Pet Stock and Poultry Show that was to be held here this Fall? We hope it has not fallen through.

Mr. Harry Carty spent last Friday in the city. He represents Graydon & Graydon, paint factories, and we hope to see him in town frequently.

S. C. Cason, Esq., who has for several months past been a great sufferer with rheumatism, left Sunday on the S. A. L. for Hot Springs, Ark., where he hopes he will speedily find relief, and soon be himself once more.

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VICTORY IN THE COURT.

Walter L. Miller, Esq., Persuades the Jury to Save the Neck of a Wife Slayer.

Walter L. Miller, Esq., yesterday evening created a sensation in Court by his able and successful defense of John Corby, charged with murder, in the killing of his wife.

The negro is a man without money, and had no counsel. His Honor Judge Watts appointed Mr. Miller to defend him.

It appeared from the testimony that the defendant killed his wife on the 12th of last June in a field about one mile from Mount Carmel. He hit her on the head four times with a hammer, and then he tried to strangle her. Any one of the blows was enough to produce instant death.

The defendant claimed that he struck his wife in self-defense; that she had made threats against him, and that he killed her to keep her from killing him. The majority of the spectators, we believe, think the prisoner ought to have been convicted of murder.

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